



3/22/01 Crushed

A worker was killed when caught between the mast of a forklift and the load it was carrying.

The victim was assisting the forklift operator in moving a 5000 pound piece of equipment, with a 7-foot radius, to the outside of the building. The victim had placed blocks on the ground, and the equipment was placed onto the blocks. The chains that connected the equipment to the forks were removed, and the lift truck operator began to back away from the load. As the operator moved backwards, the forks of lift truck caught the load, and the machine started to rock. The victim attempted to steady the equipment, when it tipped, pinning him against the mast.

Questions to ask?

- Do you train lift truck operators?
- Do you provide training for employees working around equipment?

WAC 296-24-23025 Operator Training.